

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

### **Listing of Claims**

1. (Currently Amended) A recording method comprising the steps of:

~~providing a recording medium with a recording-limited area where recording is limited in which prescribed information is recorded, and which is recognized as a non-recording area;~~

canceling the a recording limit in said for a recording-limited area provided in a recording medium and which is recognized as an area in which recording is limited, but in which the recording limit is able to be canceled so that recording of information in said recording-limited area can be performed; and

recording new information ~~different from said prescribed information~~ in said recording-limited area.

2. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 1, wherein the recording limit is provided by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said recording-limited area impossible, and the step of canceling the recording limit

comprises a step of recording allocation information for said recording-limited area in said recording medium.

3. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 1, wherein the recording limit is provided by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said recording-limited area impossible, and the step of canceling the recording limit comprises canceling the recording limit using predetermined software.

4. (Currently Amended) A recording method according to Claim 1, further comprising:  
a step of, ~~after providing said recording medium and~~ prior to the canceling of said recording limit, ~~of~~ issuing an instruction to record to said recording medium; and  
a step of issuing an instruction for displaying predetermined information when the recording instruction has been issued.

5. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 4, wherein said predetermined information is an advertisement.

6. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 4, wherein said predetermined information is recorded in said recording medium.

7. (Canceled).

8. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 4, wherein said predetermined information is displayed via an external information distribution means.

9. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 1, wherein the recording limit limits recording by rendering an ID error detection code of address information for said recording-limited area inconsistent with an ID corresponding to said ID error detection code, and the canceling of the recording limit is performed by rendering said ID error detection code thus made inconsistent, to be consistent with said ID.

10. (Currently Amended) A recording method according to Claim 1, wherein the recording limit is provided by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said recording-limited area impossible, and wherein allocation information is erased by erasing ~~said new~~ predetermined information in said recording-limited area.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of decrypting information, comprising the steps of:

providing a recording medium comprising a recording-limited area ~~in which prescribed information is recorded and which is recognized as a non-recording an~~ area in which recording is limited, but wherein the recording limit is able to be canceled

so that recording of information in said recording-limited area can be performed, and wherein information about the position of said recording-limited area is in an encrypted form; and

decrypting said information about the position that is in the encrypted information form by predetermined software.

12. (Currently Amended) [An] A information-decrypting method of decrypting information according to Claim 40 11, wherein said recording-limited area is allocated in a distributed manner in a user area of said recording medium.

13. (Currently Amended) A recording medium comprising:

a recording-limited area in the recording medium, in which prescribed information is recorded, which is

wherein the recording-limited area includes a recording limit such that it the recording-limited area is recognized as a non-recording an area in which recording is limited, and

wherein the recording limit is configured to be able to be canceled so that recording of information in said recording limited area can be performed wherein the recording limit is canceled by reading predetermined information.

14. (Original) A recording medium according to Claim 13, wherein the recording limit is provided by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said recording-limited area impossible.

15. (Currently Amended) A recording medium according to Claim ~~13~~ 14,  
wherein said recording limit is canceled in response to reading predetermined information, and

wherein said predetermined information and said allocation information are recorded at the same location.

16. (Currently Amended) A recording medium according to Claim 13,  
wherein said recording limit is canceled in response to reading predetermined information, and

wherein said predetermined information is an advertisement.

17. (New) A recording method according to Claim 1, further including a step of providing said recording limit in said recording medium by configuring the recording medium so that a portion is recognized as defective, and

wherein said step of canceling the recording limit includes causing said portion to be no longer recognized as defective.

18. (New) A recording method according to Claim 1, further including a step of canceling said recording limit following an occurrence of a specified event.

19. (New) A recording method according to Claim 18, wherein said specified event includes displaying predetermined information.

20. (New) A method of decrypting information according to Claim 11, further including a step of

providing said recording limit in said recording medium by configuring the recording medium so that a portion is recognized as defective, and

wherein said step of canceling the recording limit includes causing said portion to be no longer recognized as defective.

21. (New) A method of decrypting information according to Claim 11, wherein said step of canceling the recording limit takes place after an occurrence of a specified event.

22. (New) A method of decrypting information according to Claim 21, wherein said specified event includes displaying predetermined information.

23. (New) A recording medium according to Claim 13, further comprising  
    wherein the recording limit causes a portion of the recording medium to be  
recognized as defective, and  
    wherein the recording limit is able to be canceled by causing said portion to be  
no longer recognized as defective.
24. (New) A recording medium according to Claim 13, wherein the recording limit is  
configured to be canceled in response to an occurrence of a specified event.
25. (New) A recording medium according to Claim 24, wherein said specified event  
includes displaying predetermined information.